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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 27 and 28.

REMARKS

In the Decision on Appeal mailed January 31, 2003, the Board of Appeals reversed the rejection of claims 1, 3 through 8 and 10 through 31 and affirmed the rejection of claims 27 and 28. Applicants are, therefore, canceling rejected claims 27 and 28, thus leaving only allowed claims 1, 3 through 8 and 10 through 31 pending in the application.

Thus, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and a formal Notice of Allowance is requested to that end.